

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, April 27, 2005

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Angerer, Lemmons, III, Virgil Smith and Kehrl.

Representative Ball moved to excuse absent members.

Representative Gosselin supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Miller and Clack.

Representative Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2005 meeting.

Representative Pearce supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4402 before the committee.

HB 4402 Hansen Education; employees; background check on special education personnel employed by public schools; require.

Representative Hansen testified in support of HB 4402.* Questions and discussion followed.

Bob Morris, representing the Michigan Department of Education, testified and said the Department is neutral at this time.

Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, submitted a card in support of HB 4402, but did not wish to speak.

Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan School Board Association, submitted a card in support of HB 4402, but did not wish to speak.

Don Olendorf, representing the Michigan Association of Small and Rural Schools, submitted a card in support of HB 4402, but did not wish to speak.

Jeremy Hendges, representing Senator Allen's office, testified in support of HB 4402.

The gavel was passed to Representative Mortimer, Vice-Chair.

Maggie Kolk, representing the Arc of Newaygo County, testified in support of HB 4402.*

Ellen Hoekstra, representing the Michigan Association of School Social Workers, submitted a card in support of HB 4402, but did not wish to speak.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:30 a.m.

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
April 27, 2005
1 hour 30 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates printed materials attached to original minutes.